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SUBJ: IMPROVEMENT IN TURKISH-SOVIET RELATIONS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THREE SMALL TURKISH DAILIES--THE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWS, BARIS(MODERATE LEFTIST AND PRO-
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY), AND VATAN(SOCIALIST)--ON
SEPTEMBER 7 CARRIED ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY DISTPATCH FROM
MOSCOW GIVING DETAILS OF A SEPTEMBER 6 PRAVDA ARTICLE ON
TURKISH-SOVIET RELATIONS BY ANKARA CORRESPONDENT ALEXANDER
FILIPOV. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL POINTS:

- A. SOVIET-TURKSH RELATIONS HAVE STEADILY IMPROVED IN
RECENT YEARS.
- B. OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, TRADE HAD INCREASED
100 PERCENT.
- C. ECONOMIC PROJECTS HAVE BEGUN WHICH WILL DECREASE
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TURKEY'S RELIANCE ON "WESTERN MONOPOLIES".
D. IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS, WHICH RECEIVES SUPPORT
FROM "ALL TURKISH POLITICAL FACTIONS", BENEFITS NOT ONLY THE
TWO COUNTRIES, BUT SUPPORTS PEACE IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD.
E. INTERPARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGES, ARRANGED AT THE
INITIATIVE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS, WILL PROMOTE NEIGHBORLY
RELATIONS.

F. SOVIET-TURKISH TIES ARE BEING ENRICHED IN A WAY THAT
CARRIES POLITICAL OVERTONES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: WHEN ASKED ABOUT ARTICLE, SOVIET
MINISTER COUNSELOR NIKIFOROV TOLD US THAT HE REGARDED RELATIONS
AS MERELY "ALL RIGHT". HE VOLUNTEERED THAT WE SHOULD
NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY ANY TURKISH CLAIMS THAT TURKEY WILL TURN
TO THE USSR FOR ARMS, BECAUSE THE SOVIETS WOULD NEVER CONSIDER
PROVIDING ARMS TO TURKEY SO LONG AS IT IS A MEMBER OF NATO.

3. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE NOTED BEFORE, TURKISH-SOVIET
RELATIONS HAVE INDEED IMPROVED SINCE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BLEW
UP IN 1964. HOWEVER, THE TURKS HAVE CONSISTENTLY TAKEN CARE
TO OPPOSE SOVIET EFFORTS TO INJECT THE "POLITICAL OVERTONES"
MENTIONED IN THE ARTICLE.
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